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SUBJECT: H1N1 UPDATE: 17,937 CONFIRMED CASES

REF: A) Berlin 1115, B) Berlin 1111 and previous.

¶1. (U) SUMMARY: The number of confirmed H1N1 infections in Germany rose by 147 cases to 17,937 on September 11. Munich International School, which includes Mission children, has reported two cases of H1N1. END SUMMARY

¶2. (U) At its September 11 press briefing, the National Reference Center for Influenza at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) confirmed a total of 147 new (laboratory and non-laboratory) H1N1 cases in Germany over yesterday, increasing the total number of H1N1 cases to 17,937. New cases were distributed among fourteen federal states as follows: North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) (39), Baden-Wuerttemberg (18), Lower-Saxony (13), Hamburg (11), Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (10), Schleswig-Holstein (10), Hesse (16), Brandenburg (7), Berlin (6), Thuringia (5), Saxony-Anhalt (5), Rhineland-Palatinate (3), Bremen (2), and Saarland (2).

¶3. (U) According to RKI, 77 of the total 147 new cases are attributed to people returning from travel abroad. New cases include non-laboratory H1N1 cases that exhibited symptoms after being in contact with a laboratory-confirmed infected person.

¶4. (U) NRW remains the German state with the highest number of confirmed virus cases with a total of 5,468, followed by Baden-Wuerttemberg (2,750 cases) and Lower-Saxony (2,585). The number of all confirmed infections in Germany that have resulted from domestic transmission is 27 percent.

Munich International School reports two cases of H1N1

¶5. (U) According to information from the school nurse at the Munich International School (MIS), the confirmed H1N1 infections reported in REF B involve a 12 grader who returned from a school trip in Spain. Another student from the same class also developed flu-like symptoms. Both cases were confirmed on September 9. Both students reportedly went to their doctors after the excursion and did not attend school, eliminating further contact with other students. They are reportedly quarantined at home and will return to school once

doctors give their approval. There were no additional cases of H1N1 reported at MIS yesterday or today. Public health authorities advised against closing the school. The federal state of Bavaria is the state with the fourth highest incidence of the new flu, following NRW, Baden-Wuerttemberg and Lower-Saxony.

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